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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU TO HOST READING CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON – Area educators and community members are invited to attend the 36th Annual Reading Conference, Friday, Oct. 6, on the Eastern Illinois University campus.

This year's conference theme, "Leap into Literacy: Moving Forward in the 21st Century," features keynote speaker J. David Cooper of Ball State University.

Cooper has worked with educators in all 50 states and five countries. He is the author of the book, "Literacy: Helping Children Construct Meaning," and has the reputation of being an entertaining and inspirational speaker, according to Cindy Rich, assistant professor in the Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle Level Education and reading tutorial director.

Cooper will be followed by breakout sessions addressing a variety of literacy

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issues, events and ideas.

The conference begins with registration in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at 8 a.m. with introductory speakers at 8:30 a.m.

Registration fees are \$5 for the public, \$4 for Reading Council members and \$2 for students.

Conference organizers are expecting more than 500 teachers and students from 37 school districts.

Early registration is encouraged, but not required. To register or for more information, contact Eastern's Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle Level Education at 217-581-5728.